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| First Named Applicant | PERKOWSKI, | 35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days. | | |

TITLE OF INVENTION INTERNET-BASED SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING, MANAGING AND SERVING CONSUMER PRODUCT-RELATED INFORMATION OVER THE INTERNET USING TRADEMARKS AND UNIVERSAL RESOURCE LOCATORS (URLS) SYMBOLICALLY-LINKED BY MANUFACTURES OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND/OR THEIR AGENTS

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THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed April 15, 1999.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-28 (renumbered 1-16 respectively).

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

☒ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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ART UNIT 2761

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ATTACHMENT TO PAPER #6

Oath/Declaration

1. The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because:

The clause regarding "willful false statements ..." required, by 37 CFR 1.68 has been omitted.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed March 18, 1999, fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because US Patent Application No. 08/691,263 and the PCT International Search Report are not publications. The US Patent Application and PCT International Search Report have been placed in the application file, but they have not been considered as to the merits. The disclosure is noted; however, the US application and the PCT search report will not be printed on the face of the patent to prevent the otherwise confidential documents from becoming open to the public.

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Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art, when considered as a whole, fails to teach or fairly suggest a database management subsystem for storing and managing information representative of a plurality of trademarks and a plurality of uniform resource locators symbolically linked to the trademarks and specifying the location of a plurality of Web documents stored in one or more Internet-based information servers; a trademark/URL information server operably connected to the database management subsystem and the infrastructure of the Internet; and a plurality of manufacturer-managed client computer subsystems operably connected to the infrastructure of the Internet enabling a manufacturer to transmit to the database management subsystem information representative of a plurality of trademarks and a plurality of URLs symbolically linked to the trademarks, as specifically recited, in combination, in independent claims 13 and 22 (renumbered 1 and 10) and as defined by the specification.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."